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NODXA MEMBERS TO ACTIVATE AUSTRAL AND THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS

ON RTTY. Northern Ohio DX Association members Bill/W8JGU and John/K8YSE will operate from **Rurutu (OC-050, Austral Islands)** and **Nuku Hiva (OC-027, Marquesas Islands)** with the main focus on RTTY. Their tentative schedule is to operate from **Rurutu Island** from **June 8-12th** and **Nuku Hiva Island** from **June 14-18th**. There may be some operating from **Tahiti** as well. John and Bill will sign **FO0PAP** and **FO0MAC**, respectively. These may count for BRAND NEW RTTY entities once voted and approved by the DXAC. Look for them on RTTY on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters on the usual frequencies. At times there will be 2 stations on the air with one on RTTY and the other on CW or SSB. They will try to give attention to Europe as openings permit. Operations on 80 and 160 meters is reported unlikely. All QSL requests go to K8OU. ADDED NOTE. Since John is the caretaker of the OPDX Web page the site will not be updated for the next two weeks.

3D2, ROTUMA (and Fiji Islands). Roberto, EA4DX, who you may remember from last September as 8Q7XX, will be active from **Rotuma Island August 29th to September 19th** (3 weeks), and from **Fiji (Viti Levu) September 20-24th**. He will sign from **Rotuma** as **3D2DX** and from **Fiji** as **3D2DX/P**. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters including the WARC bands on the usual DX frequencies. Operations will be on SSB and RTTY. Most of his activity from Fiji will be on the low bands and RTTY. His equipment includes a Yagi for 10/12/15/17/20 meters and a vertical for 40/80/160 meters, plus a 1 kw linear. QSL via EA4DX's callbook address or E-mail QSLs to: 3d2dx@earthling.net. There is a Web page for this operation, and it can be found at the URL address: <http://www.qsl.net/ea4dx/index.html>

8P, BARBADOS. Dennis, K7BV, and his wife Lieska will travel here and be active from 8P9Z's QTH **July 7-14th**. A **8P callsign** will not be assigned until their arrival on the island. Dennis will operate CW extensively on all HF bands and RS12 prior to the **IARU HF Contest July 11-12th** (He is expected to enter the contest as a Single Op/All Band High Power CW category). As is always the case when Dennis operates from the Caribbean, he will make

special effort to catch as many Asian band openings as possible. Whenever possible, he will respond to 9BDXCC QSY requests. QSL via K7BV CBA.

9K2HN/P OPERATION DELAYED. Hamad, 9K2HN, reports that he had to **delay** his operation to **Kubar Island (AS-118)** due to a conflict. His friends (not hams) who were going to join him on this trip to the island are taking final exams now!!

AP, PAKISTAN. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Amir, **AP2AGJ**, is a newly licensed ham in **Karachi**. He has been heard on 17 meters (18150 kHz) SSB. Look for him between 1500 and 1800z. QSL direct to: Amir Gulistan Janjua, Governor House, Peshawar, Pakistan.

BI4, PING ISLAND (New IOTA!). A group from Jiangsu Province of China are planning to be active as **BI4Q** from **Ping Island** either **June 13-14th** or **June 20-21st**. Ping Island is in the Huanghai Sea, 62 miles east of the coast. This will be the first time anyone has activated this island, so no IOTA number has been issued. They will on 80-6 meters (including the WARC bands) on CW and SSB, using a 1KW AMP, A3S, R7000 and dipoles. The team consists of Jin/BA4TA, Deal/BA4TB, David/BD4RF, Ken/BD4RD, Chen/ BD4SE and possibly others.

CY9RF CQ WPX CONTEST OPERATION CANCELLED. Dan, K8RF, reports that the reason no one heard CY9RF from St. Paul during last weekend's contest is that the operation was unfortunately cancelled due to various factors, mainly last minute conflicts with one of operator's schedule. They did not have enough manpower to properly mount the operation, so Dan felt it was best to cancel rather than do a poor job. However, Dan may help out with Mike's (VE9AA) upcoming operation this summer.

GM, SCOTLAND. Look for F5VCR and G3OCA to be active from **July 10-17th** from various **Scottish islands** (NH07, NH13, NH26).

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-032.** Patrick, DL4VBP, reports that he will activate EU-032 during his holiday from **June 6-20th**. He will operate from two French Atlantic coast islands: "**Ile de Re**" and "**Ile d'Oleron**" (both EU-032). Besides operating SSB, he will also be active on CW and RTTY.
- **EU-090.** The Radio Club Split, 9A2A (9A1AKL) is planning to activate **Palagruza Island** during **IOTA contest**. The callsign will be **9A8P**, same as the previous expedition. QSL via 9A1AKL, bureau or CBA.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION REPORTS. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive Part 1 of Lee's forecast for the month of June as an additional bulletin.

MU, GUERNSEY. Tom/DL4SZ and Arno/DL1CW will be active from here **June 10-13th**, signing **MU/DL4SZ/p** and **MU/DL1CW/p**, respectively. Arno will be active on CW only, but Tom will be active both SSB and CW.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Peter, ZS6PHD, reports that South Africa has rejoined the UPU and **IRCs can now be used within South Africa**. The current cost for IRCs is SAR 5-00, which is worth

slightly under 1 USD. The airmail rate for postal items up to 10 gram is R 1-90 to anywhere in the world, so one IRC is more than enough for ZS-land.

- Steve, K9VX, reports that the turn-around time for his **EP2MKO** QSLs from UA6HCW is about 4 months. He just received his card for a late January contact, via regular air mail.
- The **3W6KA** logs are now available on the WEB. Check the URL address at: <http://njdx.org/3w6log-check.html>
- Jose, CT1EEB, reports that the 1997 Kure Island DXpedition (**K7K**) Web page is up and running. The site contains information and photos. Check out the URL address: <http://www.qsl.net/ct1eeb/index.htm>
- QSLs for **CT98ELP**, as well as **CQ7ELP** (used in WPX SSB Contest), are via CT1ELP. The address is: Pedro Pedroso, P.O.Box 116, 2806 Almada Codex, PORTUGAL
- DX Log Search for Andy, **9X0A**, can now be found on the Web. Logs for his **9X/RW3AH**, **9X0A**, and **9U/9X0A** operations can be found at: <http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/9x0a.html>
- Kingman Reef, Johnston and Howland Island QSL cards. Mac, WA4FFW, reports that all QSL cards for the February-March operations from **N4DAZ/KH3** Johnston Island and for **N4BQW/KH5K**, Kingman Reef have been mailed. If you sent a QSL for one of these station's contacts along with a card for the Howland, **WA4FFW/NH1**, in the same envelope, you will have to wait until the Howland cards go out. Gene/WJ4T, Joe/N4DAZ and Mac are beginning to process the Howland at the present time and expect to have them completed in the next few weeks. Harold, K4AU, reported to Mac that he is current with all QSL cards received to date for the Howland SSB operations K4AU/WH1. Mac also reports that all cards for the previous operations of Chuck, N4BQW, from Palmyra, Tern, Kure and Midway have been caught up and have been mailed. They appreciate everyone's patience as post DXpedition requirements have consumed more time than expected.

SV, GREECE (Now on 6 meters). Manos G. Darkadakis, SV1IW, R.A.A.G. General Secretary, informs OPDX that Greece is now using the 6 meters band on a secondary basis (primary use reserved for the Greek army), therefore the Greek ministry does not issue licences for visitors (either reciprocal or CEPT) for that band. Any operation from Greece, Crete or Rhodes from amateurs other than Greek citizens is illegal.

SV9, CRETE. Juha, OK1KAG/OH9MM, reports to OPDX that he will be celebrating his graduation in Crete, **June 9-15th**. He did not provide us with his Crete callsign, so he may be signing /**SV9**. Juha did say his planned activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL via OH3LQK (prefer via bureau).

TF, ICELAND (Update to OPDX.358). Sigi, DL7DF, and his crew (Tom/DL7BO and his YL, Ben/DL7BY, Frank/DL7UFR and Wolfgang/DL2NWK) will be active from **June 15th to June 21th**. They have now reported that they will be active on 6 meters besides the other announced bands. They will use an IC-706 and a 5 element yagi for 6 meters. QSL via DL7DF.

WWSA CONTEST HAS BEEN CANCELLED/DISCONTINUED. Gilberto Affonso Penna, PY1AFA, the organizer of the WW South American CW Contest and former Chairman of the Antenna-Electronica magazine (contest sponsor), became a Silent Key (SK) as of September, 1997. With the passing of PY1AFA the magazine's new Board of Directors has decided to cancel the 1998 contest. The contest was to take place June 13-14th. Some Brazilian hams are

trying to make arrangements to have the WWSA contest back next year, meanwhile the 1996 and 1997 results are available on the WEB at: <http://www.qsl.net/cwsp/wwsae.htm>

VK9, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Nick, VK2ICV, is currently looking for 3-4 contest operators willing to operate from **VK9LX** during the **CQWW CW Contest in November**. The VK8LX team will spend 10 days on the island. Nick states, "All equipment will be on Lord Howe prior to contest - just bring your laptop and tooth brush." If interested, contact Nick via E-mail at: watchman@tig.com.au -- To look at last year's operation, check the Web site: <http://www.watch4you.com/vk9lx/>

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Ed, K8VIR, who was signing ZK1EHH from Rarotonga Island (IOTA OC-013), is now active from **Aitutaki Island (IOTA OC-083) until June 10th**. Check 21300 and 14267 kHz between 0130 and 0800z. QSL via K8VIR (Green Valley, AZ. address).

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLAND. Bob, ZL1RS, will be on **Raoul Island** in the Kermadec Island Group (which is 1000 KM N.E of ZL-lans), from **June 28th - July 17th**. His work on the island has priority, so ham radio activity will be sporadic. Look for **ZL8RS** on all bands from 160-6 meters, mainly on SSB with some CW on 160 meters and 30 meters. There may also be some RTTY activity if Bob can borrow a laptop. QSL via ZL1RS only 97/98 CBA: R Sutton, 109 Wright Rd, RD2, Katikati, NEW ZEALAND

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